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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jeffry Dean Watkins and James David Pancock )  
For : Butyrylcholinesterase Variants that Alter the )  
Activity of Chemotherapeutic Agents )  
Docket No. : X-16700B )

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

#### Introductory Comments

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a PCT Chapter II filing of PCT International Application No. PCT/US2003/038684, entitled "Butyrylcholinesterase Variants that Alter the Activity of Chemotherapeutic Agents." Prior to examination of the above-identified application, entry of the following amendments to the specification, including the sequence listing, and the claims is respectfully requested. An Information Disclosure Statement, an amended sequence listing, and associated paperwork are submitted herewith.

The Applicants respectfully request cancellation of Claims 1-104 without prejudice to the subject matter therein, and entry of new Claims 105-150, shown below. Please amend the Specification, including the sequence listing, as indicated below.